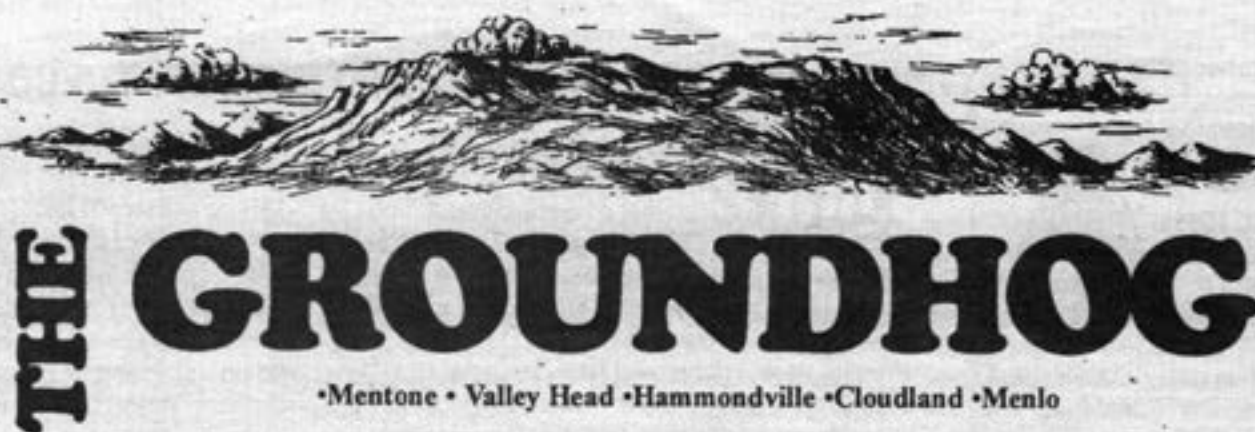


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Sandwich Sale, Bar-B-que, hot dogs & hamburgers all at the GA/AL state line
- Monday, October 4, 6PM, Town Council Meeting, Mentone Town Hall meeting room, new mayor and council to be sworn in.
Open to the public
- Tuesday, October 5, 6:30 PM, DeSoto Rescue Squad, Mentone Community House
- Tuesday, October 5, 7 PM, MAPA Meeting, Fellowship Hall, Church of God of Prophecy
- Tuesday, October 12, 12:30 PM Rhododendron Garden Club, Mentone Community House

- Tuesday, October 12, American Legion meeting 6:30 p.m., American Legion Hall
- Friday night, Saturday, & Sunday, October 15, 16, & 17; OCTOBER COLORFEST, Brow Park
- Saturday, October 16, 5:30 PM MOON LAKE HARVEST FESTIVAL Moon Lake School Gymnasium
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The Mentone Area Preservation Association met on September 7, 2004, at 7:00 PM, at the fellowship hall of the Church of God of Prophecy. President Bernise Crow called the meeting to order, and Page Cunningham gave the invocation.

Present were: Homer and Bernise Crow, Dot Crow, Lucille Crowe, Dessie Brown, Marie Dillenbeck, Page Cunningham, Leroy and Joanne Crowe, Tom and Lynn Donald, and Greg Coe.

There being no corrections or additions to the reading of the minutes of August 3, the minutes stand approved as read.

Homer presented a written financial report. After a discussion about the telephone number being used for an answering machine, Tom Donald made a motion that the phone be canceled as of the end of October. Page Cunningham seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President Bernise Crow reported to the members that the board had met and agreed to make some investments. After a discussion, Lynn Donald made a motion that the decision be made by the committee comprised of Homer Crow, Tom Donald, and Greg Coe. Dot Crow seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The October Colorfest--October 16 and 17, was then discussed, and members volunteered to man the MAPA booth during Saturday and Sunday: Dot Crow and Lynn Donald: Saturday AM, Leroy and Joanne Crow, Saturday PM; Sunday AM, Marie Dillenbeck and Greg Coe; Sunday PM, Page Cunningham and Greg Coe.

MAPA SEPTEMBER 7, 2004, MINUTES

The quilt raffle was discussed. At the festival will be tickets to a quilt in the Longstar pattern, made by Dessie's sister-in-law. Tom Donald said he would get a picture of the quilt and put in on the MAPA website. Tickets will be available at the festival and about town in several stores.

The program for the evening was a talk by Pattie Bryan regarding a meeting that was being set for October 7th at the Mentone Community House, by invitation only, for business owners in Mentone to discuss the possibility of partnering with SMEC and the local governments to use wildflowers under the power lines. There will be a forum at that meeting. Wildflowers will be planted and one place that will be very visible is next to the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Protection Hall in Mentone on AL Hwy 117, which will be very visible to the public and add to the beauty of Mentone. Lookout Mountain Wholistic Center made a donation to cover the cost of planting at the fire hall.

Homer and Bernise will be attending the forum and will report at the October meeting.

Dot Crow won the door prize.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to have refreshments provided by Lynn and Tom Donald.

Dot Crow and Dessie Brown, and Joanne Crowe will have refreshments for the October 5 meeting.

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DESOTO RESCUE SQUAD OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

By Slate McDorman

It's fall and your Rescue Squad is busy keeping our Valley Head football players safe. We will be on scene for every home game this year helping out in case of any injury. We're proud to have been providing the medical attention for Valley Head games for the past four years. If you are at the game, stop by and say "Hi."

The Rescue Squad is proud to announce new certifications for four of our squad members. First, we congratulate Annette Durham for the outstanding completion of her First Responder training. At the age of 16, she is now the youngest member to have completed the hours and requirements for her certification. Howard, Wanda, and James Durham have also each completed a Red Cross Health Care Certified Responder course. We wish to congratulate them and all members for their continued dedication to the medical field.

All squad members who need to take their annual refresher courses have started their courses this fall. These classes cover the basic medical training for a rescue squad member. If you are interested in becoming a squad member, and you are attending these classes please let us know. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Mentone Community House.

As I write this we are getting ready for the Annual TAG (Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia) Caving

Association meeting. This is Desoto Rescue Squad's 4th year in providing on-site medical facilities for the three day event. This year the group has moved from Sequoia Caverns to a location on lookout mountain in Georgia.

On a disappointing note, the storage shed behind the community house was broken into and vandalized last month. An extension cord and two 600-foot long ropes that the Squad had stored there were stolen. Hundreds of dollars of damage was done to the shed itself. A police report has been filed, and if anyone has knowledge that might help solve this crime please contact the Mentone Police Department. The Squad will be doing repairs as soon as possible.

Additionally, I need to make an important correction to an article I wrote the month before last. The correct way to handle a snake bite is NOT TO use a tourniquet as indicated. Instead, if possible, keep the area still and below the heart. Stay calm and walk, do not run, and get medical attention immediately. Do not apply ice or cut the wound either. Cleaning the wound is okay but getting immediate medical attention is most important. Marking the swelling points, like with a Sharpie pen, can help determine how fast the venom is spreading.

With all this talk about snakebites, some of you might be wondering what the risk of receiving one is. I did a little research and with the total estimation of snakebites in the United States, which is 45,000 there

are approximately 7,000 reported and 1,000 unreported cases of venomous bites per year. Almost 40% of the total reported cases resulted from handling snakes while intoxicated. Over the past five years, the number of deaths per year from snakebites has ranged between 9 and 14. Rattlesnake bites make up most of the poisonous bites in the U.S. while coral snakes cause less than 1 percent. Except for the rare exception of the coral snake, all fatalities have been from rattlesnakes. Most of the deaths occurred in children and the elderly from either being treated improperly or from not being treated at all.

A few other pieces of useful information are:

Demographics:

-- 75 percent of all snakebites occur in people aged between 19 and 30 years, 1 percent to 2 percent occur in women, less than 1 percent in blacks

-- 65 percent of snakebites occur on the hand or fingers, 24 percent on the foot or ankle, and 11 percent elsewhere

More information about snakebite statistics can be found at the following web address:

<http://goor-away.com/goor/health/snakefaq13.htm>

This month's sunset times are between 6:41 to 5:50pm. All except the 31st which is the end of Day Light Saving's time, it will be 4:50 then. If you have a chance, stop by the brow and check one out!

The Shed Floral & Nursery News Update

Fall is in the air around here. Last month was a successful fundraiser and we have many people to thank. I want to first make certain that the anonymous donation for \$1,000.00 from a parent gets recognized. I also want to say a special thank you to Samuel James for his personal donation he made as well. This month is the month for color as well as for our Fall Open House. As we prepare for you to come by and stroll our property to experience the Fall Magic it has been lots of fun doing it. We start the Fall Magic outside from the Greenhouses to the inside of the store. I told everyone about the College display I brought in. Autumn now I have been putting it to use. I have also just got back from a wonderful Floral Designing Show and got to work with famous Dusky Turner, Mark Bagg, Matt Whit, & Eastern designer Bill Lyndon. I had lots of fun as we made arrangements and I finished a lot of the new colors for this year. There are many new looks for the fall and as you know we do many of them. We are doing more Home Decor and working with Nature's this year and what I mean by that we are using dried Hydrangeas, Pinks, Fuchsias, Grasses, Preserved Kale and Fall Leaves. Sick and the if you don't know I have noticed that the more Seminars and Schools I go to the faster I get. Dusky Turner one of the world's famous designers and we were working side by side and before this or not I was actually working flowers and taking in full about all the different fall colors that were being used in the arrangements we were doing. By the time I got through to doing my arrangement he had just finished his and everyone else was still working on theirs. Dusky made me remark you are getting good we will have to get you next year to get up here and teach a group. I thought he was kidding but he was serious. I was approached by the Grounds and was invited to join their Designers to have around with them and teach classes. Unfortunately I had turned them down and explained to Pam. Craven. I had a commitment back home growing flowers, which had opened up another opportunity for our company. Pam and Joe was excited they to grow flowers but are always running out and was looking for a good quality grower. Pam and I sat down and talked and she asked for a quote. I said yes, I asked her at that time do you get the American Magazine. Yes, Pam replied. I asked her if she reads it, glad, yes she replied. I also asked her if that time did you see the list of who was the best growers of the year in the U.S. yes

she replied. I had to you see The Shed Floral and Nursery was the Best Grower for the South East. Pam just replied, I'm standing here with the Best Grower for the entire Southeast. She added me was a huge star, making the announcement out loud. Pam was embarrassed me a little but it was funny at the same time. So we are in it discussing how we may be a candidate to Pam & Joe Cravens.

This is the biggest Fall Open House yet, you will start in the Greenhouses, and go to the back of the store, then inside of the store where we are not only ready for the fall but getting ready for Christmas as well to and as a reminder we will be doing the fundraiser for the Cub Scouts starting in November. We have already started to do the Times and this year we will have at least 12 times to do and very excited. Our Themes this year are out of this world. Theme 1 will be Christmas in Candy Cane Land, you heard right we will be doing Candy Cane Land. Theme 2 is "Fragrance Children's Dreams, we will be doing a Child's Tree in Children's colors of Blues, Pinks, and Lime Greens. Theme 3 Our Traditional Christmas, using Burgundy's and Gold's. Theme 4 it's the Fishing Season, we will be using all sorts of goodies for this one guys gotta come by and see what we will do for this one. Theme 5 Our Nature Theme using Birds, Squirrels, Mushrooms, Feathers and much more. This is just some of the themes there will be much more to follow. Come by and enjoy the fun and see what we will be doing all this month as get ready for the Fall and Christmas Open House, it will be lots of fun this year. I just want to mention Mums, Mums we hope not to run out so quickly like we did last year we thought that 1000 mums would be enough but we guessed wrong, so this year we will have through the mums season a total of 1900. Arrangements and all sorts of fresh arrangements for the Christmas Season. We have 5 very special Christmas Cactus from CA as a reward this year. The 5 Cactus will be very limited as well as some of the new topiary from Portland. David and I both are working on plants also with Purple University we will be testing new Puccinellias and many Ferns such as a more compact Boston Fern called Compact Boston Fern. It has a very light bushy habit of growing and faster growing than a regular Boston Fern. And Fall Fern will

be another one that looks like it has fingers at the end of the shoots as it grows it's a very unique plant. The University holds test trials once a year, because we grow for Bonsai Gardens and such. David and I get invited to attend the trials, then we get to bring home new and unique plants and do all sorts of fun things. We get to monitor how they grow and what they are doing and how much heat or cold they can handle. David and I both agree what we do here is very unique, who knows one day we may have our own issue Culture Fall. We are always experimenting with cuttings and cross pollination we may just discover new plants that way. I often asked myself and now want to ask you, what if we brought HORT to Mentone, would everyone plant a garden. I do know the Environmental Committee & Orcah Society Association is working more hard to bring more wild life to our area and that is great. I'm excited. I have people who have birds come to Mentone to just look at all the different Birds. We also have many of you that come to look at the beauty of the wild Trees, Shrubs and Plants. We are very fortunate to have so many pretty Native Plants here. Yes we carry a lot of them as well to answer the question we got asked at the time. David has always carried Native Trees, Shrubs and Flowers.

We are very lucky to have such a beautiful place to live. It is a huge that Florida get here so many times and that the hurricane caused so many problems throughout the southwest as far as Atlanta Ga. I have some really good pictures. I look as I helped my parents clear up after the hurricane it was a big event what they did do. We are all so lucky we live on what always let everyone God's Mountain. Mentone is certainly a such a giving community and is a very welcoming community it is nice to know how much everyone here loves one another and is helping each other to make this community such a strong and beautiful place for everyone.

Events at The Shed Floral & Nursery
Fall Open House Oct. 1st - Oct. 17th
Fall Open Festival Oct. 15th - 17th set up at the Ice Cream Parlor
Pumpkins & Gourd Festival Oct. 17th - Oct. 30th
Nov. 1st - Dec. 20th Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts Fund Raiser

From the Editors: Cheryl, Baker requested that all of her articles not be added in any way.



The Country Journal

By
BERNISE CROW

Well, our beautiful summer is gone and we enter into the beauty of autumn. I don't hear the cicadas any more; our vine tomatoes are almost gone; some summer flowers have stopped blooming; mums have started to show brilliant shades of fall; and leaves got a lot of help with their falling when Hurricane Ivan blew his last breath on us. It was hard to imagine the force of the wind that we got after it had destroyed so many homes and businesses in Gulf Shores, Pensacola, and caused some damage in Mobile. And all the low areas of Ft. Payne, Trenton, and Chattanooga that flooded make a mess to clean for a long time. I'm glad we were on the higher elevation, but it did give us more hard wind than those who were flooded. We only lost our electricity for an hour, but some parts of Mentone were without power for 24 hours. I'm glad it's over; however, more storms are predicted. Maybe they will be mild ones.

Joyce is going home next week. She will have a week off from her chemo treatments and will be in Columbia for her son, Lee's, graduation from basic training at Fort Jackson with the South Carolina National Guard. It's been a little rough for him, but he is a strong, big boy and took it better than some. He tells us that there were two recruits in the group who suffered heat strokes and I think one of them died. He took his training at the hottest time of the year and we felt so helpless knowing we couldn't do anything for him. Coy also went through basic training at the camp before going to Vietnam, so he knows how hard it can be.

It has been a slow summer for us at the Hitching Post, so I have not been open all the time like I did for many years. It startles me when I realize I have been in the antique business for 25 years! I should be a pro and know everything about the business, but my memory was never the greatest, and I can't remember all the things I have learned and read about. And, of course, one would have to study one particular type of antiques to really know everything about it.

My greatest joy is finding and purchasing lovely crystal and china. I wish more people would share my interest and buy more of it. (I don't mean to sound like an ad!) I find diversion when things get discouraging by dealing in beautiful things. Good cut glass is something that appeals to me, and it didn't a few years ago. I think the brilliant period is the best. Crystal pieces were hand cut in the early 1900s and were very popular for a while when everyone set formal dinner tables. Then it went out of fashion for a few years, but is enjoying a revival of interest. The new cut glass is not as sparkling as the brilliant period because it is machine cut. It is pretty, but lacks that hand-cut glow.

When my sister, Jean, and I first started the Crow's Nest, everyone was stripping old oak and pine furniture and it sold well. Jean was good at putting a

beautiful finish on each piece. Now, the latest fad, with those interested in country decorating, is furniture with chipped and peeling paint--and it sells! That is not my style, but then we each have our taste. Mine is eclectic--a mixture of styles coordinated with color. English or French country decorating is what I like and some early American pieces. Of course, my 250 teapots bring color to the kitchen. There are many styles and colors. Soon, I'll be serving hot tea in some of them when the days are cooler, the evenings long, and we play Scrabble.

We are going to miss our sweet lady who has lived here for about 28 years. Alyce Springer has moved to Ohio to be near her son. She doesn't want all the work of maintaining her house and cabin here. We hope she will be happy in Ohio, but will come back to visit us in the summer.

We will miss Ed Jones for a long time. He passed away suddenly with a heart attack. It's hard to believe he is gone. He used to bring his beautiful big horses hitched to a wagon filled with hay and give hay rides at our October Colorfest. Everyone had a good time. And he has been working with the Bankhead Cemetery Perpetual Fund for 20 years, more or less, and always gave a report at Decoration Day in May. He furnished horses for the summer camps for many years after retirement. My sympathy goes to his family.

Evelyn Graves' father, Herman Jones, cousin to Ed, passed away this week. Condolences to Evelyn and family. We are saddened when we lose loved ones and friends, but this is the way we all go. Those of us who are elderly know our time is short and we should use what time we have wisely and unselfishly. Life is short, even if we live to be a hundred years old. But I enjoy each day and count my blessings to be able to do things.

We attended Kelley Smith's wedding on September 11 in Baton Rouge, LA. Some of you will remember the Smiths who lived with us a few months in 1988, O.B. and Kathy and their beautiful little daughter Kelley. Kelley was only eleven years old and we adored her. So, she definitely wanted us to be at her wedding, and we definitely wanted to go. Doreen met us there. Doreen had lived with the Smiths 20 years ago when they were in Houston. The ceremony was beautiful. It was held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit. A group from Sudan sang. That was most interesting. Kelley's husband had been to Sudan on a missionary trip and knew some of the group. I believe there were more people in attendance than I've ever seen at a wedding. Kathy said 500 people were fed at the reception. Kelley and her husband, Slater Armstrong, will live in Knoxville, Tennessee.

It is time for our Colorfest and MAPA members are ready to work at our booth, selling tickets for a beautiful quilt donated by Dessie Brown's sister-in-law. Just a \$1.00 donation to MAPA will give you a chance to win this handmade quilt! We will have good entertainment at this year's Festival. The Cataco Band from Somerville will perform. This band, formed by Jerry Grantland, has furnished music for us for many years. Jerry has also secured more people to be on the program, including gospel and bluegrass groups. In addition, we will have a community gospel group singing Sunday afternoon, the 17th, led by Howard Carson. We will have some good vendors in the craft show, some repeats and some new.

Make plans to attend the festival and invite your

families and friends. We usually enjoy wonderful weather at this time of year. Also, if anyone can volunteer to help with all the preparations and last minute details, please let a MAPA member know (or just call me @ 634-4664). We can always use help with the quilt tickets and distribution of flyers and placement of road signs.

As always, continue to pray for our troops in Iraq that they return home soon and safely. May God continue to bless America.

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In The Valley I Grow

From June 2004 Moon Lake Monthly

Sometimes life seems hard to bear
Full of sorrow, trouble, and woe,
It's then I have to remember
That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top
And never experienced pain,
I would never appreciate God's love
And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn
And my growth is very slow,
Sometimes I need the mountain tops,
But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand
Why things happen as they do,
But I am very sure of one thing.
My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing
When I picture Christ on the cross
He went through the valley of death;
His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining
When I'm feeling so very low,
Just give me a gentle reminder
That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord
And use my life each day
To share your love with others
And help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord,
For this one thing I know,
The mountain tops are glorious
But it's in the valleys I grow.

...Author Unknown

Herman Paul Jones

1909-2004

Herman Paul Jones, 94, of Mentone, Alabama, passed away at North Jackson Nursing Home, Bridgeport, Alabama, on Thursday afternoon, September 16, 2004.

Mr. Jones was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn Jones, in 2001. He is survived by a son, Hermon Jones, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Jones, of Rossy Hill, Georgia; and a daughter, Evelyn Graves and son-in-law, James Graves, of Mentone, Alabama, four granddaughters, Janet Pinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee; Kimberly Patterson of Rossy Hill, Georgia; Cynthia Jones of Signal Mountain, Tennessee, and Sandra Pruitt of Mentone, Alabama; one grandson, Edward Graves, of Annapolis, Maryland, and five great-grandchildren, Lynelle Pinson of Chattanooga, Tennessee, James Graves and Lee Graves of Maryland, Allen Gray of Auburn, Alabama, and Katie Gray of Mentone. He is survived by three sisters, Almada Blevins of Birmingham, Alabama, Gertrude Cox of Fort Payne, Alabama, and Marjorie Berry of Mentone, Alabama, and one brother, James Jones, of Mentone.

Mr. Jones was the second of eleven children born to Fred and Bertie Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Carl, Fred, and Lester Jones, and three sisters, Evelyn Selman, Mary Ruth McCord, and Eva Johnson.

Mr. Jones spent his entire life at Mentone until it became necessary for him to enter the nursing home. He was a master carpenter, building many of Mentone's homes and patiently teaching numerous young men the carpenter trade. He was active in civic and school affairs, serving as trustee at Moon Lake School for many years, and he was Democratic Beat Committeeman for many years, as well. He served as councilman in the Town of Mentone for six consecutive terms.

He had many friends and valued their friendship highly. He will be missed by family and friends who remember his ready smile and witty nature.

Herman was a very benevolent person, helping wherever there was a need. He had a deep love for children and could not stand to see a child mistreated or hungry. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Moon Lake Educational Trust Fund to assist young people to be able to attend college.

A TRIBUTE TO MY FATHER

By Evelyn Graves

A lot of memories have flooded my mind since last Thursday, September 16, when my father was called out of this life. I suppose at my age it is natural to have more memories of childhood experiences than any other.

My father, Herman Paul Jones, was born on November 21, 1909, the second of eleven children born to Fred and Bertie Brown Jones. His entire life was spent at Mentone. He always said he "raised" the younger children. From reports I get from the younger children, it seems that he did have a large part in their upbringing. His brother, Jim Jones, was telling me recently of an incident when he and Fred were young boys and got into trouble. Granddaddy grabbed Fred and gave him a "whipping", and Daddy grabbed Jim and gave him a whipping. Daddy was twenty-two years old when his baby sister, Marjorie, was born. He adored her and after Daddy and Mother married, they kept her a lot. She was only two years old, and she was somewhat jealous that her big brother, "Buck," had a new love.

I remember that my mother sewed for me a lot when I was a little girl. Every day, along with her other household duties, she found time to make me a new dress. When Daddy would come home from work in the evenings, she would put the new dress on me and stand me on the table to model for Daddy. I usually had a new poem or other recitation to do for him. He would say, "A mighty pretty baby." I always felt so proud when my daddy bragged on me. Sometimes, while Mother would be cooking breakfast, Daddy would pick me up and dance with me. Cheek to cheek, we would float through the kitchen and dining room. Daddy was a big man, weighing in excess of two hundred pounds, and was over six feet tall. I always felt such security with him. I did not like his sticky whiskers when he did not have a fresh shave, and he liked to tease me with them.

When I became older, I knew that I could always depend on Daddy to look after my needs. If my car needed the oil changed, or if my car had some kind of problem, I knew that he would be right there. If I had to work late at night, it was not unusual for him to find an excuse to come to Fort Payne and follow me home. He would come to my office and sit until I finished the work I had to do. I always enjoyed buying his clothes, and even though he would protest that I had paid too much for them, he loved to try them on and strut around the house.

Daddy felt most of the discipline of my brother and me to Mother. He might make a few assertions in his gruff voice, but most of the real punishment came from Mother. He never spanked either of us, but we were not too anxious for him to know the childish mischief we had gotten into throughout the day. Mother usually handled the situation quite matter-of-factly, and she was not one to talk on us when Daddy came home. He scolded us when we nailed all of the stove wood into log houses. It shouldn't have been a big deal to tear those little log houses apart on a cold night to get wood in for the stove!

I remember when I became thirty years old and was still living at home. Daddy sweetly told me one day that he felt that it was time for me to be thinking about getting married. I was dating a man who was certainly not my choice for a husband. He was fun to be with, though a little bit "corny" and had a protruding chin. While I was still seeing him, I met and quickly fell in

love with my husband, Jimmy Graves. One morning, I came to the breakfast table, and Daddy said, "Oh, Graves, where is thy victory; oh, Chin, where is thy sting?" He sensed that I had made my choice. I did not think his humor was so funny at the time, but as I look back on it now, I find a lot of humor in that statement. I remember another time when I was in the process of losing a few pounds. I was not fat at the time, but I thought to lose about fifteen pounds would be the thing to do. I weighed before I came to the table, and as I sat down, I said, "I've lost five pounds." Daddy never did look up from his eating, but casually remarked, "What's five pounds among so many?"

I have missed a lot of the funny things that were such a part of my daddy's personality, and I have missed all of the things he did for me and the love that he always showed me as I grew up. When Jimmy and I built our house in 1977, Daddy had been retired from construction work for some time then, but he loved to walk up the hill and check on what Jimmy was doing. Jimmy asked him to supervise him as he built the steps to our back deck. Building steps is an art, as those of you who build well know, and my daddy was a master at step building. He was so pleased to be able to teach Jimmy how to cut and build those steps to perfection! Jim, Daddy's brother, was telling me recently that Daddy was a perfectionist in building, and that he always had all the patience in the world in teaching him and the other younger brothers how to do it right. My brother has that same ability to excel in whatever he does. I had always thought Bubba got that trait from my mother, but I guess both of our parents were skilled in what they did.

Daddy had a stroke a number of years ago, and it left him paralyzed in his left side. Even with two sessions in rehabilitation centers, he was never able to regain use of his leg or arm. He learned to walk by holding to a rail and having someone support him on the weak side. In trying to walk one day, he fell and broke his hip, and he lost complete use of that side again. He lived in a nursing home for the past twelve years, and it was difficult to see him deteriorate over that period of time. For the last three years, he had not been able to talk to the family nor to even be responsive to us in any way. It was so difficult for me to go to see him and to leave without being able to communicate with him.

For two nights before Daddy's death, I dreamed about my mother. I had not done that since her death three years ago. Each time, she was standing, smiling, with outstretched arms. She had long, dark hair like she had when she was young, and she appeared to be in a mist. After dreaming about her the second time, I wondered if she was reaching to me. I thought, "Am I going to die?" Then I received the call from the nursing home the day of the storm. The director of nursing called me and told that my father was very bad and that he was not going to be here long. I asked politely, "Are you talking about today?" She said "Yes." I told her that we were waiting for a tornado to come through, and just as soon as I felt that it was over, I would come right on. While we were talking, a nurse who was attending my father told me that he was already gone. I felt that my dreams were related to Daddy's impending death. This is the one thing that has kept my emotions together. Not only is he with our Heavenly Father, but he is also with my mother, and they are both very happy.

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I never was a rebel, I wore saddle shoes to school
And next came ballerinas, then sandals, --pretty too
And then came spikes with pointed toes, then platforms very tall,
As each new fashion came along, I wore them one and all.
But always, in the distance, looming in my future there,
Was that awful pair of ugly shoes, the kind that Grandmas wear.
I eventually got married and then became a mom,
Our kids grew up and left, and then their children came along.
I knew I was a grandma and the time was drawing near
When those chunky, black, old lace-up shoes were what I'd have to wear.
How would I do my gardening, or take my morning hike?
I couldn't even think about how I would ride my bike!
But fashions kept evolving and one day I realized
That the shape of things to come was changing right before my eyes--
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Smoke detectors can alert you to a fire in your home in time for you to escape, even if you are sleeping. Install detectors on every level of your home and outside each sleeping area. Test detectors every month and replace batteries once a year.

2. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE FROM FIRE

If a fire breaks out in your home, you have to get out fast. To prepare, sit down with your family and agree on an escape plan. Be sure everyone knows at least two unobstructed exits—doors and windows—from every room. Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone will meet after they escape. Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

3. KEEP AN EYE ON SMOKERS

Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America. Never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy. Provide smokers with large, deep, non-tip ashtrays and soak butts with water before discarding them.

4. COOK CAREFULLY

Never leave cooking unattended. Turn pot handles inward on the stove where you can't bump them and children can't grab them. If grease catches fire in a pan, slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames and turn off the heat source. Keep lid on until pan is completely cooled.

5. GIVE SPACE HEATERS SPACE

Keep portable and space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn. Keep children and pets away from heaters and never leave heaters on when you leave home or go to bed.

6. MATCHES AND LIGHTERS -- TOOLS, NOT TOYS

In a child's hand matches and lighters can be deadly. Buy child-resistant lighters and store all matches and lighters up high, where kids can't see or reach them, preferably in a locked cabinet.

7. COOL A BURN

Run cool water over a burn for 10 to 15 minutes. If the burned skin blisters or is charred, see a doctor immediately.

8. USE ELECTRICITY SAFELY

If an electric appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately, then have it serviced before using it again. Replace any electrical cord that is cracked or frayed.

9. CRAWL LOW UNDER SMOKE

During a fire, smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat. The air is cleaner near the floor. If you must escape through smoke, crawl on your hands and knees to the nearest exit, keeping your head 12 to 24 inches above the floor.

10. STOP, DROP AND ROLL

If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.



NEWS ABOUT THE 2005 450 MILE YARD SALE

Patty Tucker, DeKalb County Tourism Director, reported to *The Groundhog* that next year's 450-mile yard sale will be back to a four-day event. It will be scheduled for the first Thursday through Sunday in the month of August each year.

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The new decorations are here.

Back in February of this year, the Mentone Christmas Decoration Committee asked for the community's help in raising funds to purchase new Christmas decorations for the town of Mentone.

Letters were sent to businesses and residents of Mentone and the surrounding area. A total of 943 letters were mailed. Even donation jars were placed in local businesses. The initial plan of the committee was to raise enough money to purchase twenty of the five foot Forked Fancy Snowflake Christmas decorations. These spectacular lights would replace the twelve existing decorations that have been used for the past nine years. The Committee is very pleased to report that the response from the community has been overwhelming.

When this campaign began, there was no way to predict the response. It was even said that "it couldn't be done". We are thrilled to announce that we have exceeded the goal of twenty decorations. Thanks to your response to the appeal, Mentone will have FORTY of the Snowflake decorations. These beautiful lights will be hung on the electrical poles starting at the top of the Mountain at Cool Street and continuing along Highway 117 ending just past the city limits.

The decorations were delivered to Mentone via Estes Truck Lines of Chattanooga from the factory in Becker, Minnesota, on Wednesday, August 25th. Thanks to Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative, workers will soon be wiring the electrical poles and readying them for the lighting of the Snowflakes. "Celebration of Light" is

an evening event planned for Saturday, November 27, in Mason Park beside the Town Hall. This time together is intended to celebrate this community's generosity and determination to give Mentone a new bright look for the holidays.

The names of those who have made donations toward the purchase of the Snowflakes will be engraved on plaques and displayed in the meeting room of the Mentone Town Hall. There is still time for you to purchase one of these beautiful decorations that would offer even more festive light to Mentone. Another opportunity for you to participate is to donate to the effort of acquiring light displays for Mason Park. Or perhaps you would like to donate new strings of outdoor clear lights to be used to decorate Mason Park. Lights may be dropped off at the Mentone Market.

Special thanks to Rusty Chambers, Tom Emory, and Ross Greenwood for assisting the truck driver in unloading the Christmas decorations. (Boy, those boxes were BIG!) And thanks to the members of American Legion Post 215 of Mentone for helping find a place to store the decorations.

Thanks also to Milton Chambers for all his help with the decorations.

For more information, call Gail Chambers at 634-4507, Joan Bryum and Kristen Emory at 634-4686, or Brenda Goss at 634-4561. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail it to:

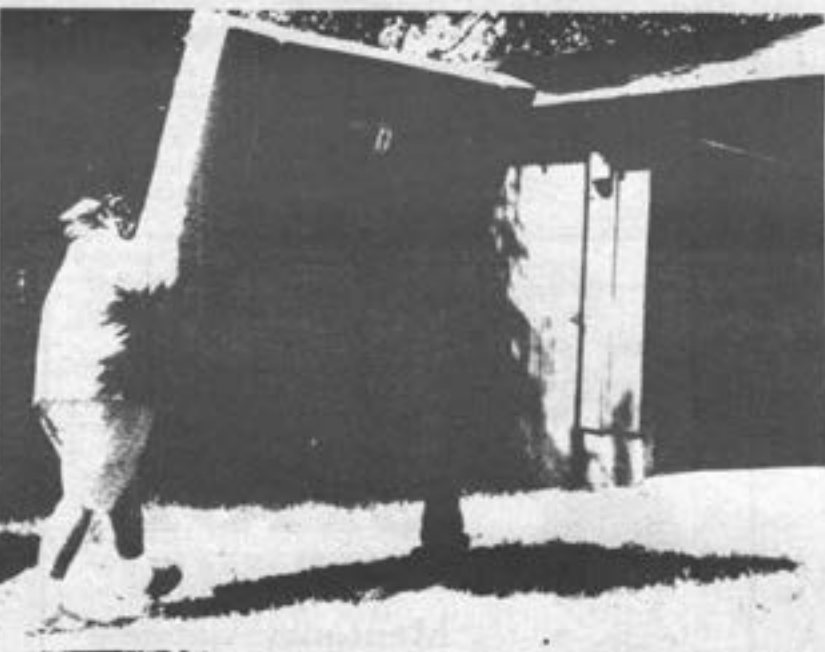
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L/R: Kristen Emory, Brenda Goss, Gail Chambers, and Joan Bryum



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Tom Emory and Ross Greenwood

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Mentone Environmental Committee

By L.C. Moon

Last Mentone Environmental meeting was interesting and informative. The guest speaker was Bill Martin of the Little River Field School. At the beginning of the meeting, Bill asked everyone to introduce themselves, give a statement of how long they have been in Mentone, and what their hopes are for the committee. The consensus of the group seemed to be summed up by the Environmental Committee's mission statement written by Jane Faile and Wayne Gautreau—"to protect and maintain the beauty of the Mentone area by working with the local community and their service providers; reaching out to the county, state, and federal levels for support; educating the community about environmental issues; and developing projects to improve access to nature."

Bill Martin allowed us a glimpse into some of the ideas that the Little River Field School intends to apply. The Field School will demonstrate the importance of the environment and at the same time cover the history of the area from an ecological and human perspective. The building will house office space, an auditorium, exhibit areas with displays of artifacts, fossils, etc., gift shop, and eventually a restaurant. A native plant nursery and more educational events like the ones already held at DeSoto State Park will be on the premises. The Little River Field School intends to build a "green building" that will include a geothermal heat pump, radiant flooring and a rain water collection system. Plans and progress are steadily underway now that federal funds are finally becoming available. Bill assured us that the Field School would help Mentone in any way possible to preserve the environment as this town is so rich with the waters of the Little River.

Bill found it interesting that most of the people at the meeting had been in Mentone less than ten years. Lyle Nicely, Pattie Bryan and Katie Kirby are members of the committee that have resided here longer though still a short time in perspective to the wealth of people that have generations of families raised on this beautiful land. The irony is that a lot of us transients are concerned about the overgrowth of Mentone. The fact is that you cannot

escape change. As the new folks of Mentone we hope to work with the families that have been in Mentone for generations to develop a plan so as not to allow the nostalgia and beauty of Mentone to be destroyed. The committee is optimistic that the field school will attract more people to the area that appreciate the environment and educate them as to why they should not come to Lookout Mountain and litter, clear cut the native growth or pollute the Little River.

Pattie Bryan is still working on beautifying Mentone with wildflowers and butterfly gardens. Pattie got a \$500 donation to create a butterfly garden on the grounds of the fire department in the heart of Mentone. The funds are being donated by Rock Ridge Retreat—a holistic group that was started by Edwene Gaines. The monies will be awarded to the Mentone Garden Club. After the garden is in place, the Fire Department has agreed to maintain it.

This article will be submitted before the time of the community clean up day on Saturday, Sept. 25. The committee is dedicated to continuing these types of efforts. In truth, all of us in Mentone are new in perspective that most of the people that inhabited this area for centuries lived in the valleys and came to the mountain mostly to gather and hunt. Developing a plan is the most effective way to preserve and prevent our human culture from destroying the delicate balance of the mountain and river. The more we establish the economy of Mentone as being reliant on its environment, the closer we will all be to preserving the culture of Mentone. If you would like any information on how to put your land into a land trust to protect the environment while saving money on your taxes, have any ideas regarding how to protect the environment or develop more access to nature in Mentone proper, etc., you may contact Lyle Nicely at 634-4124. If you would like to be put on the Environmental Committee Email list, you may contact-jfaile@mindspring.com.

You are welcome at the
Mentone Environmental Meeting

Look for a notice
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Where: Mentone Community Church
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When: Thursday, November 25, 2004

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Rev. Leon Smith NEWS RELEASE

Rev. Leon Smith, baritone, will present a Gospel concert at Mentone Community Church on October 10, at 6:30 PM.

Rev. Smith has been involved in Gospel music as a baritone and lead singer for nearly 45 years. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University in Michigan and has a Master of Divinity degree from Emory University. He is a retired elder of the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. After a career as a corporate executive, Rev. Smith was called into the pastoral ministry and served United Methodist Churches in the North Georgia Conference for 18 years.

Since his retirement in 1999, Leon has devoted more time to his Gospel concert ministry. Leon's long singing career includes concerts throughout the eastern United States and Canada, radio and television appearances, and the recording of a dozen albums and CDs. His latest CD is entitled, "Jesus, Use Me." Leon has eight grown children and thirteen grand-children. He and his talented wife Connie (who joins him in the recording studio as pianist and vocalist) live in Cartersville, Georgia.

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The 2004-5 United Giver's Fund Campaign is now underway following a Kickoff Lunch held on Wednesday, September 15, in Cobble Hall of First United Methodist Church in Fort Payne.

Campaign General Chairman Mark Dawson expressed appreciation to Don Chico's, Heroes, James Bar B Que, and Kings Restaurant for providing a variety of delicious foods for the volunteers and other guests. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Groat for providing the homemade cakes and Bruce's Foodland for providing the drinks.

Dawson thanked all the volunteers and supporters for attending the Kickoff and for the time and effort they will be putting forth in the coming weeks to help meet this year's \$345,000 Campaign goal.

Because of the serious threat to the county posed by Hurricane Ivan, he then asked Linda Clark, Chapter Manager of the DeKalb County Chapter of the American Red Cross, to give an update concerning the hurricane. She reported that widespread power outages were expected, and possible flooding. She said that several Red Cross shelters had already been opened and others would be opened as needed throughout the county. She said that Red Cross would be on call twenty-four hours a day to provide needed assistance. She urged everyone to take the necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

Dawson then pointed out that this is just one example of our UGF dollars at work. Red Cross is one of 14 member agencies to be funded by this Campaign. Other member agencies represented at the Kick off included ARC of DeKalb County, CASA, Children's Advocacy Center, Child Development Center, Partnership for a Drug-Free DeKalb, Rose Haven, and Salvation Army.

He then introduced Robert Dennis of Dennis Video Productions of Chattanooga who produced the new campaign video. Volunteers then viewed the new video that features clients and various programs and services provided by the member agencies. The video will be available to businesses, industries, clubs, employee groups, etc., during the campaign period. Anyone interested in scheduling a presentation or wishing to obtain a copy should call the UGF office at 845-4006.

The campaign will run through the end of October with Report Meetings scheduled for September 29, October 13, and October 27.

New Business Opens

Snappy Tees Screen Printing and Gift Shop has opened on Lookout Mountain Parkway just outside of Mentone. Snappy Tees is owned and operated by Beverly Smith who recently moved up from the hurricane state of Florida. She was born and lived her entire life in the Tampa area before moving to Mentone. After caring for her elderly parents at home until they both passed away, Beverly came to Mentone for a visit. "I fell in love with the area and decided to move up here. Now, I am developing my own business."

Snappy Tees is a professional screen printing business and gift shop where you can order T-shirts, mouse pads, caps, tote bags, and cups to promote your business or for your church, club, school, or family reunion. Soon, she will be making magnetic business signs for your car or truck as well.

Ms. Smith is a graduate of the University of South Florida with a major in fine arts and photography and a minor in elementary education. Snappy Tees gift shop features T-Shirts with her exquisite photos of the beautiful views and waterfalls of our area. Visitors and local residents alike enjoy these memorable gifts. She also makes custom gifts at reasonable prices from your own photos of children, pets, horses or vintage cars.

With Beverly's experience as a professional portrait photographer and doing store, studio and wedding photography, she is available to photograph any event or occasion, such as weddings, anniversary parties, or family reunions. She puts her fine arts background to use as a business sign painter, too.

There is a lot going on at Snappy Tees, so stop in and visit with Beverly. She enjoys meeting her neighbors and new friends in the Mentone area. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10AM to 5PM at 3219 Hwy 117, just 3 miles east of the blinking light in Mentone or 3 miles west of the GA state line. You can call at (256) 634-TEES (8337), or visit the Website at www.snappyteesmentone.com.

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DOLLS - TRUE

By Elsie Clark

I have always loved dolls. I bought dolls every Christmas for my girls till they were twelve years old. I bought a large MAMA DOLL. It was a special. The girls loved to play with it--a sleepy and a voice box to match and say MAMA. They played with it a long time.

Finally, the face peeled, the eyes wore out and the stuffing was coming out. I was cleaning and decided to take it to an outbuilding and store it. Then, later, I decided to clean the outbuilding. I had a large pile ready to burn. So, I placed the worn out doll on top of the burning pile. I was standing watching the burning pile. I heard a "MAMA CRY". It was the cry of the "MAMA DOLL". I quickly got the pitch fork and lifted it off. I sat down and cried and said, "Lord, forgive me." I took the doll and put it in a special place. I'll never forget it. So watch what you burn.

Enjoy The Groundhog. I went to Valley Head School. It is good to read about people I used to know. Many were from Mentone, too.

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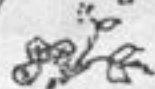


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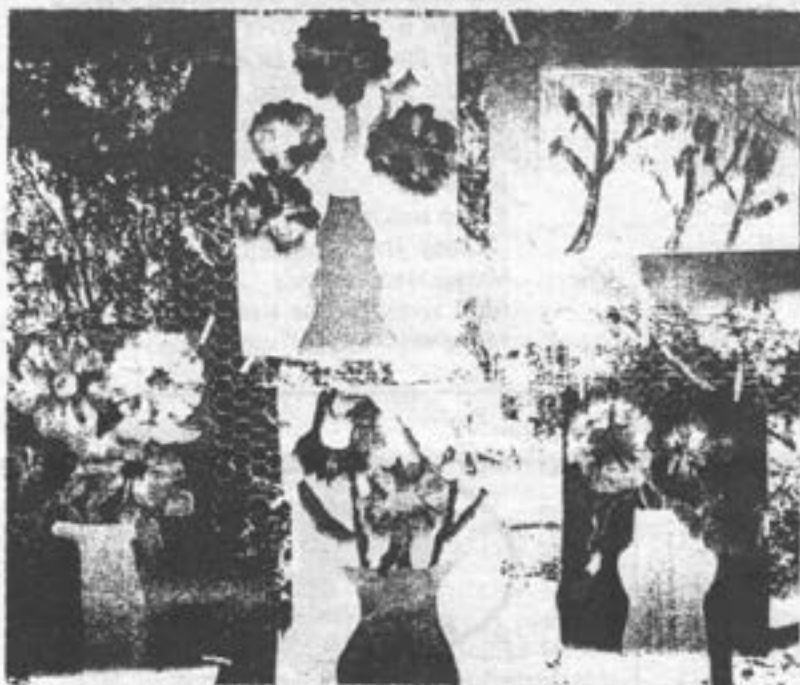
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The Monthly News from Moon Lake E

Art produced by the students of Moon Lake Elementary School was displayed at the porch of the Mentone Springs Hotel during the final weekend of September. The hotel's month-long 120th anniversary celebration, featuring Elacqua and Andy Talton as part of the hotel's month-long 120th anniversary celebration, scenic setting allowed the public to view student art and purchase it.

The more than \$1,200 raised through sales will fund an art program to provide summer programs for students. The hotel also sponsored a painting by first-grader Robert Baker, with proceeds going toward the painting later sold for \$100!

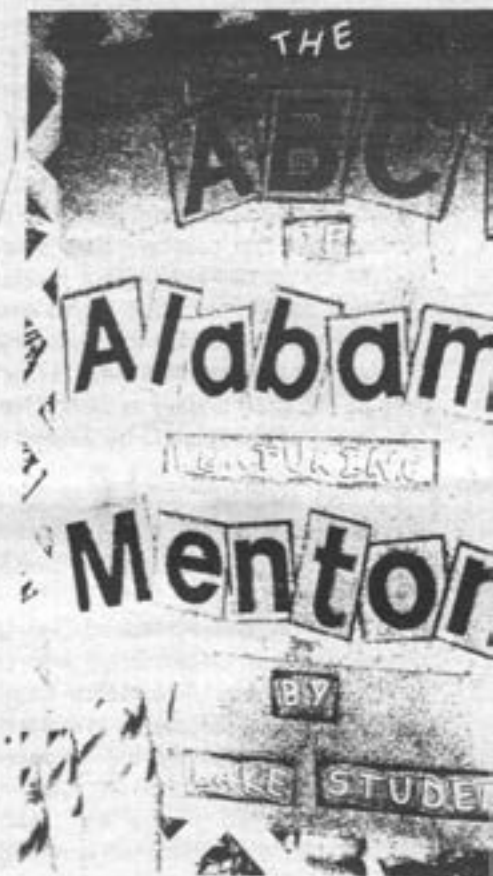
Moon Lake's arts teacher Paula Easter-Chamlee, whose school is part of the Mentone Educational Resources Foundation, led the students in the art exhibit. Moon Lake's students were thrilled to see their art in a gallery, the culmination of the dedicated efforts of Marc, Andy, F



Fourth-graders Sam Whatley, Augusta Smith, and Jill Hope (top left, left to right) proudly display their Mentone scenes, while their classmate Lily Harrison (bottom left) contemplates her artistic creation.

At bottom, art teacher Paula Easter-Chamlee puts finishing touches on the exhibit before opening to the public.

A decorative sign (at right) welcomes visitors to the porch of the Mentone Springs Hotel.



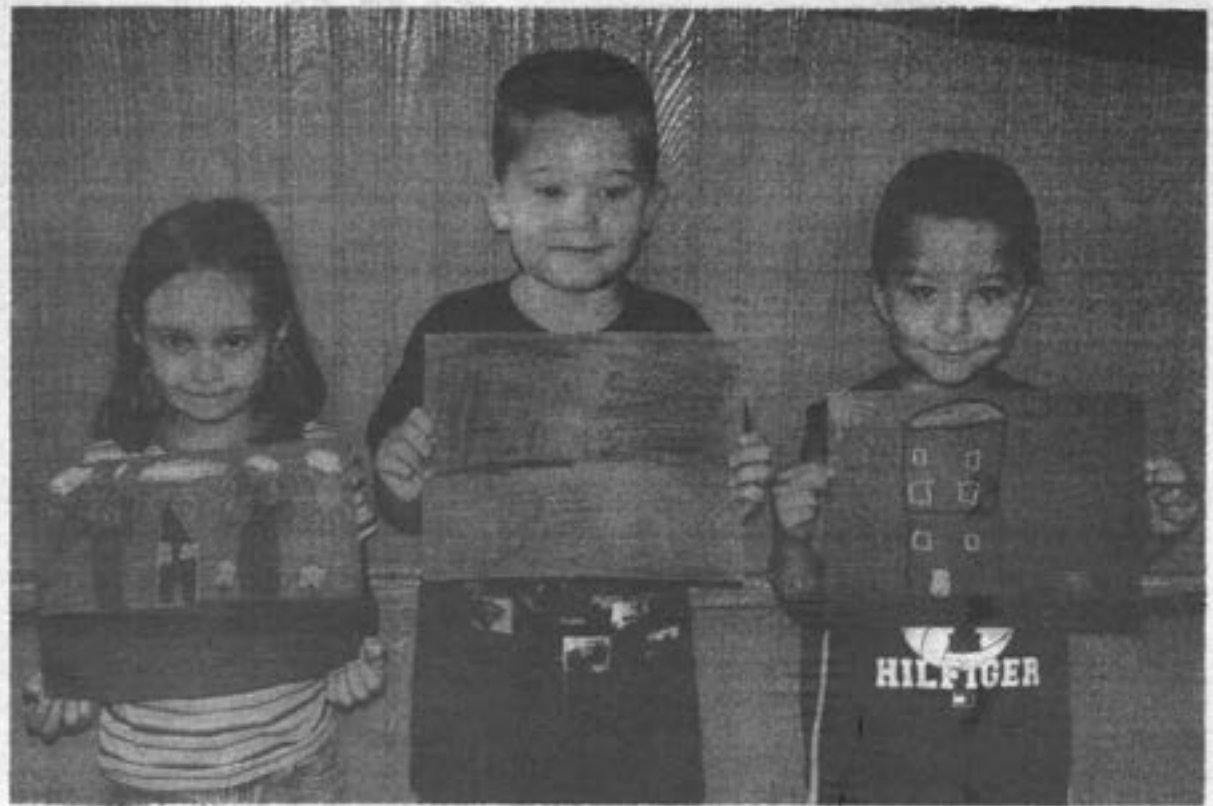
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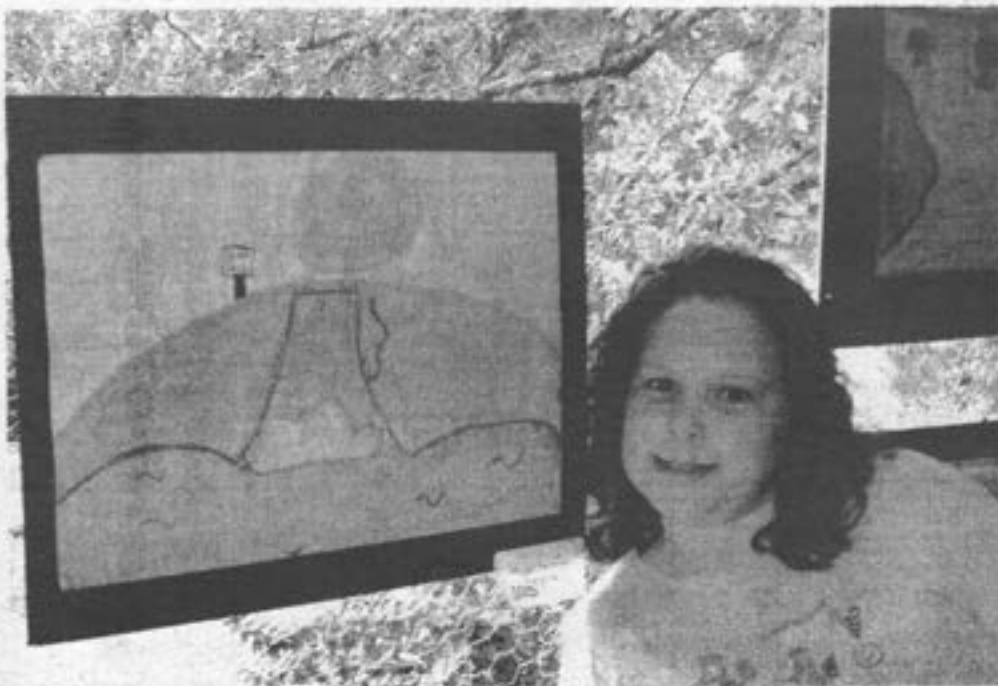


Kindergartners *Bailey Kirby*, *Sam Langston*, and *Noah Watters* (above, left to right) show pictures of their houses, while first-grader *Dawson Kincer* (below) exhibits his cloudy scene.

At bottom left, fifth-grader *Megan Petersen* stands beside her displayed rendition of DeSoto Falls. Above her, first-grader *Robert Baker* takes pride in the t-shirt that features his art.



**MOON LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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TRI-COUNTY FIRE/RESCUE NEWS

By Mary Alice Stout

Halloween Party - The annual Tri-County Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 30th, starting at 5pm (GA time) and continuing until well after dark. All ages are invited to share the fun.

Planned activities include "haunted" walk, judging of children's costumes, bobbing for apples, fish pond, hay ride, pinata, and refreshments. The party will be held at the Tri-County headquarters in Cloudland on GA Hwy 48 at the GA/AL line. For more information or to help with the party, contact Charla Welsh at 706-862-6519.

Sandwich Sale -- Tri-County Volunteer Fire/Rescue will hold a fund raiser, October 2nd, from 10am to 2pm. Tri-County members will have available to the public--Sausage Biscuits, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Bar-B-Q, and cold drinks. All proceeds will help finance the annual Halloween Party October 30th.

Hurricane Ivan -- Tri County volunteers were on patrol while Ivan passed through our area. The volunteers were on the roads with chain saws, ropes, generators, portable lights, and medical supplies. They cut and removed several trees fallen across roads. After the storm, Chief Welch said, "I'm happy that Tri-County is able to be here for the community."

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And inspire sincere praise and gratitude
Yielding to Autumn's colorful time--
Summer surrenders to cooler clime.

--Chloris M. Brown



Kim Vasil's soy candles
with beads and gemstones

Mountain Mamas Specialty Candles

By Ellen Spangler

Of the many arts and crafts made by the 60 plus women artists with items in the shop, candles are some of the favorites, especially as the cooler weather sets in. Each of the three candle makers create handmade candles different from the others.

Kim Vasil from Rome, GA, creates her own home-made soy candles. She hand pours candles made from 100% soy wax and decorates them with beads and semi-precious gemstones on wire. Kim calls her candles "Lodestar Creations". She says the benefits of soy candles are many--Soybeans are a renewable and sustainable resource. Soy burns 98.0% soot free, which is better for our respiratory system. Soy candles burn three times longer than other types of wax. Lodestar candles will burn an average of 40 hours and are made with lead-free wicks.

Candles of animals and free-form shapes, in rainbow colors, are made by **Anitra Kling** of Woodstock, GA. She makes many of her own molds for the unusual shapes. These candles are scent-free and soot-free, and of a very hard wax that can withstand summer heat without losing their shape.

One of the eight owners of Mountain Mamas, **Susan Bradley**, has had her candles in the shop since we first opened 10 years ago. Her candles are made of the highest quality paraffin and beeswax, blended for long lasting durability and translucence. She has also added a line of soy candles. Her wonderful scents contain essential oils. Susan makes everything from Victorian tapers to large layered pyramids, to scented votive candles, to her favorite seller, the large Victorian rose with hand-formed petals (refillable with votive candles).

Mountain Mamas is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, noon to 6pm, GA time. It's located in Cloudland, on GA Hwy 48 just 1/2 mile east of the AL/GA state line. Check out our web page at www.mountainmamas.com.

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Herman, age 23



Herman, Kathryn,
Herman, Jr. &
Evelyn Ruth, 1940



Evelyn Ruth (16) &
Herman (44)



Herman & Kathryn, at North Jackson
Nursing Home on a picnic, 1995

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LIBS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Linda Brown

So many wonderful things continue to happen at the library. More and more books continue to arrive, both from donations and by purchases made at McCay's Books, in Chattanooga, using credits we have accumulated by taking duplicate books to them. We have many of the books that are on the best seller's list, both in Alabama and nationally. Come in and check out our selections, our volunteers can help you with the look-up stations if you are not familiar with how to use them.

YO... What is missing? You. You are missing out on a fun experience by not visiting the library. You don't have to check out a book and take it home with you. You can come and sit in our new rocking chair and read the near-by books of Mentone's history or one of the many magazines that are available. Or you can just sit and enjoy the peace and quiet of the library. Come and visit. We think you will like what you see.

Our hours have changed and yet stayed the same. The library will be open on Tuesday from 3:00 until 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Lassetter will stay after school until four and then the volunteers will be there the rest of the evening. She has volunteered to do this so that parents who have children in basketball practice can come and read or browse while the children are at the school. This is a great opportunity for those who live too far away to go home during practice. Also, the children can come to the library after practice and the parents can help them with homework or they can read. We only ask that children be accompanied by an adult or that the adult be at the library for the children to come to. This is a wonderful way to get homework done without the interruptions of a busy household. The library has the internet available now, so this can be a plus for assignments that need to be researched.

The first enrichment program of the school year was well received and fun for all. Sandra Comley did a day of interpretive dancing with the students. I heard that a good time was had by all, especially the sixth grade boys!

The next program will be the Essay Contest for fifth and sixth grade students. Start now to research how to list "works cited" and other particulars. These are very important in the judging of the essays. Just an example, last year all three judges were very impressed with a certain essay; but, after reading it, they realized that the student had not put any of the work cited or other parts that are so important to the writing of a good essay. The contents of the paper

were one of the best, but the requirements of the essay rules were not met.

Maybe the teachers could start now to instruct the students on this and let them practice. The idea behind the offering of this assignment was to improve the writing skills of the students and also improve those pesky test scores of standard testing. Remember that the title is: An American Patriot. Start thinking now and pick the person you want to write about. I'll be getting the details together soon and coming to school to leave them in the classrooms. I think that the winners read their essays at the February PTO meeting last year, so I will get the assignment to you before the holiday vacation.

We really need a book review by someone. If you are reading a good book right now, write down a few facts about it and mail them to me. Use the post office box number at the end of the column, Diane will get it to me. I would say that if you are reading a bad book right now, do the same. But, you may be like I am and not finish the bad ones. There are too many good ones available for me to waste my time on one that is not. If you don't want to do a review, write and tell me (or call me) when you find time to read, where you read and other interesting facts about your reading habits. I will compile them and print the results. When I was in high school, I was first on the school bus in the morning and last off in the afternoon. I read a book a week in just this time alone. Also, I learned to really concentrate on what I was reading!

We need more volunteers. I can schedule you to work a lot or a little, it will be up to you. This is a lot of fun and you will meet some people that you would not have met otherwise. We have volunteers from all areas of life who volunteer in the library. If you don't like driving in the darkness, let me know, I can schedule you for Saturday duty. I am trying to fine tune my list to be more accommodating to our volunteers. Please be patient, sometimes I forget what I am supposed to remember! Sometimes, we as volunteers, get really discouraged because the library is not used more. It can be very lonely to sit there for three hours and not have anyone visit. Come in and make our day!

Questions or suggestions, call me, 634-8006 or Sue Schwarz, 634-4271. To mail a donation or other material: Moon/Lake Elementary School Community Library (or MLESCL) P.O. Box 481, Mentone, AL 35984. COME AND VISIT!

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NEWS ABOUT THE 2005 450 MILE YARD SALE

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(1) MENTONE COTTAGE WITH ACREAGE! Cozy cottage with 40 wooded acres near DeSoto State Park featuring 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, double French doors, wood burning fireplace, cathedral ceiling, ceramic flooring and 2 storage buildings. \$229,900 (PLS #12724)



(2) CLOUDLAND, GA - New listing with 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, over 3500 square feet. This log home was built in 1928 and is filled with character. Priced at \$138,000. (PLS #11807)



(3) This CUSTOM BUILT HOME offers 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, large eat-in kitchen area, spacious living room with fireplace and multi-purpose basement and includes 2.9 acres. \$199,000. (PLS #10234)



(4) ROOM TO ROAM in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home offering lots of extras. Great room with cathedral ceiling, wood floors, recreation room, barn and fenced pasture on 3 acres connecting DeSoto State Park. \$129,500. (PLS #10907)



(5) Looking for a MOUNTAIN RETREAT-- 8 self contained cabins, office building that could be converted into living quarters, numerous RV and camp sites all on 13+ secluded acres adjoining DeSoto State Park. \$395,000. (PLS #10906)



(6) LESS THAN 1 MILE from downtown Mentone and sitting on over 1-1/2 acres, this home offers 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, an open porch on front and a sunroom on the back. All appliances to remain including washer and dryer, 2-car carport with workshop and a 20x24 building for extra storage... office... craft shop...etc. \$89,900 (PLS #11605)



(7) 500' OF RIVER FRONTAGE on Lake Lahusage - Large bedroom and bath on 2 acres. \$143,500 (PLS 12882)



(8) NEWLY REMODELED - This immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has new exterior paint and a brand new central heat and air system, wood floors, large front porch, 2 decks, wood burning fireplace and lots more. Sellers are leaving the appliances and most furnishings. Call to see today! Priced to sell at only \$119,500. (PLS #125050)



(9) LITTLE RIVER CAFE - featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining room with a large porch for outside eating, stage for entertainment and a rustic atmosphere in a charming renovated old home. Located between DeSoto State Park and Little River Canyon and only 10 minutes from Fort Payne and Mentone. \$129,500. (PLS #10215)



(10) HOME on Hwy 117 in Mentone-You CHOOSE! This property can be used as residential or commercial. Spacious 3 bedroom, 1 bath home with living-dining-kitchen, Florida room, utility, Central heat & air, and a detached workshop. This completely remodeled home has NEW vinyl siding, metal roof, guttering, carpet, kitchen cabinets, fresh interior paint and an updated bath! This home would also be perfect for a Day Care Center, Restaurant, Office or Retail Business. \$106,000 (PLS #12714)



(11) Almost maintenance-free BROW HOME with 3 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large eat-in kitchen with island, cozy living room with fireplace, den/pool room with pool table already there. Great views of the valley. \$250,000.



(12) WHAT A VIEW you get from this 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick home featuring 2-story living area with open balcony and mountain stone fireplace. Large kitchen with island and bay window eating area. Offered for \$229,000 with five acres. (92 acres available) Call for more details. (PLS #12481)



(13) INCREDIBLE VIEW IMMACULATE HOME! This lovely brick home features over 5000 square feet of living space, 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths with decks, patios, circle drive, beautiful landscaping and situated on over 3 acres for privacy. Owners must relocate...all reasonable offers will be considered! (Additional lot available also.) \$459,000. (PLS #11917)



(17) GREAT LOCATION! This 2 bedroom, 1 bath home sits on 2 acres on County Road 106 in Mentone. Property has CH&A, stove, refrigerator and updated wiring. Sold "As-Is" for only \$39,900. (PLS #12683)



(14) ESTABLISHED TIRE BUSINESS! This 40x100x14 metal building houses 3 lifts, 4 roll-up doors, concrete floors, Office, 2 restrooms, space heaters & window air unit and all inventory included. Call today for more information. \$235,500. (Photo to the left.)



(15) NOW under construction! This cedar-sided home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open kitchen/dining/living combination, gas log fireplace, central heat & air, large front porch and more. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$145,000 (PLS #12909)



(16) PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS - This 3 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home sits on 6 acres and borders Brush Creek. \$74,500. (PLS #12686)



(20) CABIN IN MENTONE - you will love coming home to this adorable cabin now being built near DeSoto State Park. Cabin features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, pine floors throughout, and rock fireplace. 8'x40' porches on front and back with Yellow Pine exterior and metal roof. \$149,900.



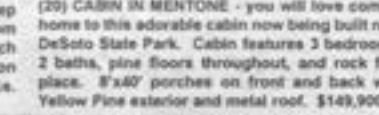
(18) RETREAT TO LAUREL CREEK! You can be the proud owner of this new construction with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchen/dining combo, living room with feature window and fireplace. Exterior to be reverse board and batten. Contract now to customize to your liking. \$124,000 (PLS 12892)



(19) NEW CONSTRUCTION - Rustic country cabin at Mentone. One bedroom, one bath, with sleep loft, wood floors and walls, 2 story great room with wood burning fireplace, front and back porch with cedar posts and wonderful view of creek on property and Corner Boy Scout Camp Lake. \$98,900. (PLS #12401)



(21) LOTS OF CHARM IN A NEW HOME--This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home features a large living/dining areas with 9' ceilings, Cathedral ceiling in the master bedroom with his & her closets, separate tub and shower in the master bath with ceramic tile, and a 2-car garage connected with a breezeway onto the back porch. The full front porch overlooks a 1.156 wooded lot and is located in Mentone. \$149,000 (PLS#12777) (Photo to the right)



OTHER LISTINGS

(22) MENTONE - Build your cabin on this secluded yet convenient lot located near DeSoto State Park. \$19,500 (PLS #11730)

(23) LAND - Wooded Corner Lot just South of Downtown Mentone. \$5,500. (PLS #11805)

(24) PEACEFUL AND SECLUDED, but not too far out! 34 acres with paved road frontage and lots of timber near Hammondville. No restrictions. \$88,000 (PLS #12363)

(25) GENTLY ROLLING, WOODED VACANT LAND IN VALLEY HEAD. Perfect for development. Extensive paved road frontage. 62 acres listed at \$3,000 per acre.

(26) 4.3+/- acres on DeSoto Parkway. Only \$44,900.

(27) BUILD YOUR WEEKEND GET-AWAY on this 1.17+/- acres filled with spectacular rock formations behind city hall in Mentone. \$14,500.

(28) CRESTLINE PARK SUBDIVISION - several wooded lots now available near DeSoto State Park. Restricted covenants for permanent or vacation home. Water and Electricity available. \$25,000 each. (PLS #12394)

(29) LAND! 57 acres of prime property located on Hwy 11, between Fort Payne and Hammondville is a dream come true. Call today! \$384,750.

(30) LAND AND LAKE...40+/- acres with a 5+/- acre lake and Brush Creek runs through it. The lake was stocked with Bass and Bream 2 years ago and is approximately 35' deep. \$180,000.

(31) 3.68 +/- acres on the Brow near DeSoto State Park. \$59,900.

(32) OPPORTUNITY AWAITS - 10 acres on Hwy 117, East of Mentone. 3 mobile homes and 2 one bedroom apartments and room to grow. Outside the city limits - no restrictions. \$158,500.

(33) RETREAT, RETREAT, RETREAT - This 40 acres is partly cleared and partly wooded with a large lake and wooded stream. \$170,000.

(34) MENTONE - If you're looking for just the right place to build your weekend get away or even a permanent residence, this property is waiting on you. Wooded, although a proposed building site has already been cleared, this property is what you have been looking for. \$37,500 (PLS #11954)

(35) LOOKOUT MTN. - Build your dream home on 3 beautiful wooded acres near DeSoto State Park. Water and power available. Some restrictions. \$23,000 (PLS #12002)

(36) Don't wait any longer...we've just listed 3.28 acres priced at \$16,400. (PLS #12291)

(37) 11.98 acres on county Road 106 in Mentone. \$96,000 (PLS #12412)



A Friendly— Valley View

By
ELOISE BROWN

The leaves of brown came showering down, remember? in September, as Ivan came. They will come "storming" down in October. They are changing color fast. I hope their beauty will last along time. My poison oak vines are the prettiest foliage I have—at least it is good for that.

My cousin, **Bill Fuller and wife, Blanche**, came Sunday, Sept. 26, from Madison, AL, and we went to see our cousin, Tommy Fisher, at East Ridge Health Care Center in Chattanooga. It is so sad to see him with Alzheimer's Disease—but he has the best care and lots of friends who are good to him, and that is a lovely place. We had a good dinner at Ryan's. When we came home, we went by to see the baby deer at A.J. and Patti Brown's—so cute!

A group from the **Sunshine Club**, went to the Tea Room in Fort Payne for lunch, Thurs., Sept. 23. Those attending were Ruth Pickett, Lillie Bowden, Elizabeth Bauerle, Selma McElhaney, Billie Harper, Jewell Shelbourne, and Lillian Pickett. They enjoyed a good lunch in an attractive place with interesting things and antiques.

Dr. Robert Ringer and wife Mertice, from Marianna, FL, spent the weekend with Ed Ringer, and on Sat., Sept. 25, they attended the Fabulous 40s classes reunion at Jacksonville State University.

Marion Odell's brother, Robert Winston Vaughn, and wife, Joanne, from Riverdale, GA, spent several days with her recently. Also visiting were her cousins, Sarah Shannon Davison from Huntsville, and William Winston Evans and wife, Denise, from San Diego, CA.

Several from Valley Head have been going to **Auburn football games**—Donald, Edna and Coley Morgan, and Blake Hulan attended the Auburn-LSU game. Wayne, Cynthia, Andrew and Anna Wooten attended the Auburn-Citadel game.

Among the 67 people going on two buses on the **WWII Project-DeKalb**, to Washington, D.C., Sept. 9-12, were Ruth and Bert Pickett, Betty Brackin, Selma McElhaney, Jo and Howard Carson, Ed Ringer, Walter Brooks and his brother, Maxine and Jimmy Wright. They saw the World War II Memorial and other sights and came back through Virginia and saw the D-Day Memorial. They had a very nice trip. It was sponsored by V.F.W. and Veterans and Landmarks.

Jewell Shelbourne stepped in a yellow Jacket nest recently. Anyone who has had contact with them knows how bad they hurt.

Dot Blackburn suffered a fall at her home recently and broke her shoulder. She also has other health problems. We hope and pray for better days for her and Bill, who isn't well, either.

Everyone was shocked to hear of the death of **Garnet ("Griff") Hartline**. He died Sunday, Sept. 26, at

St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, GA, at the age of 75. He had retired in 1995 after serving thirty years as president of Columbus Tech College and contributing much to its success. He is survived by his wife, Lee (Murdock), a son, Dr. Randy Hartline of Knoxville, TN, a daughter, Frieda (?) of Ga. The funeral will be Wed., Sept. 29, at 2pm, at the Presbyterian Church in Columbus, GA. Arrangements by Macon Hamby Road Mortuary.

Mr. and Mrs. Federico Marin from Palma de Mallorca, Spain, are spending several days with their daughter, Susana, and her husband, Matt Freeman.

Everyone have fun at Hallowe'en but beware of spooks—and enjoy beautiful October colors—I hope!

CORRECTION FROM LAST MONTH'S VALLEY VIEW

Inadvertently we changed one of Eloise's words in the opening paragraph of her September column. She used a new word "**tiger-fying**" which was typed as tiger flying. See the photos below and you will see what she wanted to convey with her new word, "tiger-fying".

Tigers Den



Spirits of Hallowe'en

As October's last days fade away
Into yesterday's history—
The few remaining are shrouded
In the deepest, dark mystery.

The moon is in mourning, waving
Wisps of black veil at the breeze,
While eerie sounds are pervading
Atmosphere, whipping the trees.

Each tree is moaning with grief
At the agony of separation,
As it surrenders its last leaf
To Autumn's desperation.

Witches are galloping on brooms
Round-eyed owls are asking "Who-oo?"
Jack-o-lanterns grin in the gloom—
Goblins and Spooks answer, "Boo-oo!"

Electrical fears are shocking
All who venture forth this evening
Black cats are howling and mocking
The skeptical, superstitious and unbelieving.

Ghosts are prancing everywhere
Playing tricks frightening and mean.
So be careful and beware—
Of the evil spirits of Hallowe'en!

—Eloise M. Brown

Valley Head Tigers 2004 Varsity Football

Aug. 27	Sardis	Home
Sept. 3	St. Bernard	Home*
Sept. 10	Spring Garden	Away*
Sept. 17	Cedar Bluff	Away*
Sept. 24	Ider	Away
Oct. 1	Section	Away*
Oct. 8	Appalachian	Home*
Oct. 15	Gaylesville	Home*
Oct. 22	Collinsville	H.C.*
Oct. 29	Madison Academy	Away

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Triple G Tradin' Post is featured in *Smoke in the Mountains Cookbook: The Art of Appalachian Barbecue* by Kent Whitaker, winner of the Emeril Live Food Network Barbecue Contest.

"Triple G is located high atop Lookout Mountain in Mentone, Alabama. "We call it Triple G because my name is Sonny Gilbreath and I have son and he has a son. There are three of us." Sonny and his wife, Frances decided to go into the antique business a while back after the business he worked for moved, was bought, and moved again. "I just thought it was too long of a drive, and we decided to do this." The building was hand-built by Sonny, Frances, friends and family. "It took about two years."

Triple G actually started as a full antique business. On day, Frances Gilbreath decided to start serving cakes, pies, and coffee to customers."

During 2003 and part of 2004, they operated a restaurant serving great barbecue, big ol' char grilled burgers, lots of sides and desserts.

Take a minute to play checkers on the front porch if the table is open. "I would like to do a checkers tournament some day," Sonny said.

Frances Gilbreath said that they have plans to serve coffee, tee, drinks, and desserts but not meals. The Triple G will be open to sell antiques in their beautiful building in the wonderful country setting. You just feel comfortable going to the Triple G and looking for that special something you "just can't do without." Take time to shop and visit.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLAGS GONE???

By Gail Chambers

When flags were first flown in Mentone, there were 22 flags. Now there are only 12 left.

If you have for any reason "borrowed" a flag, or perhaps you drove by and saw one hanging down off a broken bracket, picked it up, and took it home with the intention of returning it, please do so. You may drop the flag off at Town Hall or one of the grocery stores in town.

Many of the flag brackets have been pulled down and bent or have been completely broken off. The flags were donated originally by Woodmen of the World, to be flown on appropriate holidays and to show the town's patriotism and support for our troops.

If having the flags up has offended anyone, I want to personally apologize. I was told that, since the flags were made of all weather material, it would be all right to fly them around the clock. I have recently been given a copy of flag etiquette, which states that if the flag is displayed at night, it should be illuminated (usually under a street light). No disrespect was ever intended towards the flag or to any servicemen or veterans. It was never meant to be an embarrassment to the community in any way or make Mentone look bad to our visitors. Again, I apologize.

I would like to ask the community to, in the future, help "watch out" for the flags. If you see someone taking a flag or disrespecting them in any way (breaking brackets, driving by and pulling them down, please, please report it to the authorities. After all, taking something that doesn't belong to you or destroying other people's property is a crime.

To many people, the flag is very sacred. Especially to someone who has served his country through the military, and we want to keep it that way. We want to continue to show our support and patriotism. Some changes may be made in displaying the flags. We're looking into different and more structured possibilities, and we are hoping to obtain more flags to replace the ones that have been "lost."

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Rhododendron Garden Club

The Rhododendron Garden Club met on September 14, 2004, at Nippersink Lodge. There were 23 members present. Jill Whitten was a guest. Vice president Harriett Lillich called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

After the pledge to the flag, Jan Wilkinson gave the devotional.

Harriett Lillich introduced the speaker, L.A. Smith, who spoke on "Shrubs for Shade Gardens." Mr. Smith is a retired school principal, who now owns a nursery. He said the secret to growing things in the shade is water. Shrubs will not bloom unless they have a few hours of sun each day.

After the program, refreshments were served by the hostesses Harriett Lillich, Gerry Disney, Virginia Setze, and Gethryn Giles.

The minutes of the August 10, 2004, meeting were read and approved. The club has received a thank you for the scholarship donation, which was sent to The Garden Club of Alabama.

Old Business

Work is still needed in the Heritage Garden. Members are urged to help with this.

Margaret Baker reported on the flower arrangement that this club did for the anniversary celebration at the Mentone Springs Hotel. Margaret and Martha Wood did a large fresh flower arrangement at the top of the steps on the front porch. Margaret said it was fun, but the club did not win a prize. Andy Talton, owner of the hotel, will share comments made by the judges.

Linda Brown reported on plans for the Horticulture section of the DeKalb County Fair to be Sept. 26 through Oct. 3. Members of the local garden clubs are already hard at work getting ready. Linda is working on the Junior Garden Club exhibit titled, "Sweet Home Alabama." Help is needed during the weekend before the fair opens and for clean-up the Sunday after the show closes.

Virginia Setze and Mary Ellen Fielder are working on the club's floral arrangement for the fair. They will arrange it on location at the fair beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. Shirley Hussel will join them.

Dianne Kuehl announced that the deadline for sub-

missions to the Mentone Library Community Calender is September 15. She distributed forms to be filled out.

New Business:

Patti Bryan reported on two projects: On October 7 there will be a Mentone Community Business Forum and luncheon from 12 noon until 2pm at the Mentone Community House. Representatives of the DeKalb Tourism Bureau, the DeKalb County Commission, the Sand Mountain Electric Cooperative, and others will be present. She urged the garden club to have a representative.

The other project is landscaping at the North Lookout Mountain Volunteer Fire Department garden on Alabama Hwy 117 in Mentone, which will be a demonstration project using native plants. The volunteer firemen will clean, prepare the area, and maintain it. After some discussion, Dorothy Cyr moved that the Rhododendron Garden Club help with this project. The motion passed.

Announcements

- Mentone Clean-up day is September 25
- Garden Club of Alabama, District II, fall meeting is Sept. 22 in Union Grove
- The date of the Garden Club's spring meeting is April 19
- Members are urged to put entries into the designs and horticulture contests at the fair
- Many events are taking place between Sept 17 and Oct. 9 at the Little River Canyon Field School
- Remember to recycle at the Mentone Town Hall
- The Shed is having a fundraiser to make the playground at the Moon Lake School handicap accessible
- An anonymous donor has given money to clean up and mulch all the flower beds at the school
- Sue Ann Jones won the door prize.
- The next meeting is October 12, 2004, at the Mentone Community House.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

The Rhododendron Garden Club is a member of the DeKalb/Cherokee Federation; The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc., District II; and the National Garden Clubs, Inc., Deep South Region.

Gethryn S. Giles, Secretary



Mr. Edward Daniel Jones

Mr. Edward Daniel Jones, 72 years, of Mentone, Alabama, died early Saturday morning, August 28, 2004, at his home.

Service was held Monday, August 30th at Burt Funeral Home in Valley Head with Dr. Bill Russell and Dr. Pat McFadden officiating the service. Burial was at Bankhead Cemetery in Mentone, Alabama.

He was a veteran of the Korean War and worked 33 years with the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Dean Jones, son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Gail Jones; daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Mike Shirey; and daughter, Patricia Blansit. Grandchildren are Kristen, Candace, and Jessica Jones; Hannah and Jake Shirey, and Samantha Blansit. Sisters, Elizabeth Romans and Mary Louise Cauthen.

He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Mentone Wedding Chapel

Nestled in the woods atop Lookout Mountain, near Mentone, Alabama, this quaint little chapel is surrounded by ferns, forest and flowers. The chapel is a scaled version of traditional Appalachian churches of days gone by. Stained glass windows filtering soft forest sunrays and soft organ music accent an ambience fitting the wedding ceremony. Inside wooden pews will seat approximately 60 guests.

Linda Patterson, owner of the chapel, said the idea for it began with a bell, and now that bell rings as newlyweds exit the door of the chapel.

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(13) **OLDER FARMHOUSE**, Lookout Mountain with 5 acres. 3 Bdrm 2 bath. Living room, screened porch. Storage buildings and an old Barn. Quiet area, Murdock Rd. \$75,000. More acreage available. Total 20+ house \$129,000.

OTHER PROPERTIES

(14) **INDIAN TRAIL ESTATES.** Building lots on the West Brow, above N. Ft. Payne, county road, city water access, view lots starting at \$10,000; wooded lots starting at \$6,000.

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(18) **80 ACRES** of Wooded Brow property with creek and waterfall. Private drive with bridge. Great views. \$240,000.

(19) **HIDDEN BROW ESTATES**, Cloudland, GA. Spectacular Views East side. 7.5 acres, 500 ft of brow frontage, private, large Rock bluffs, \$162,500--will divide.

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Lookout Mountain Natural Healing

By L.C. Moon

This year I got a late start harvesting herbs such as boneset and Queen Anne's Lace. I was finally able to pull myself away from Mountain Life the store front during the month of September. What wonderful weather it has been to be in the outdoors. The sun has been just warm enough during the day to be thankful for the gentle breezes. During the heat of the sun, I have moved closer to the wood lines to harvest my low-growing friends such as cinquefoil and partridgeberry.

Cinquefoil is a very common plant that is often overlooked. Another name given to cinquefoil is five finger grass. Five finger grass is often confused with wild strawberry. The obvious differences are that the wild strawberry plant has three leaves and white flowers whereas the cinquefoil has five leaves and yellow flowers. In reference to cinquefoil the great herbalist Culpepper said, "Let no man despise it because it is plain and easy, or the ways of God are such." In *Indian Herbalogy of North America*, Alma Hutchens pleads the case for cinquefoil internally as good for hoarseness and ulcerations of the throat, bleeding gums and externally for shingles, sores, itch and bruises. Tommie Bass was quoted as saying that he would accept five finger grass as an alternative for yellow root and golden seal especially for a sore mouth in Duke University's *A Reference Guide to Medicinal Plants Herbal Medicine Past & Present*.

Partridgeberry (*Mitchella Repens*), also referred to as squawvine or twin berry, is a hearty yet dainty native that has caught my attention since I first walked through the woods of Lookout Mountain. Henry David Thoreau poetically described it in his book *Wild Fruits*, "as big as a mouse ear, with whitish mid-rib and veins, lying generally flat on the mossy ground, perhaps about the base of a tree, with their bright-scarlet twin berries sprinkled over them". The partridgeberry is referred to as having twin berries because, as Darryl Patton pointed out to me, it takes two of its tiny white flowers to make one berry. Tommie Bass says in *Mountain Medicine* by Darryl Patton that "Squawvine is one of the most wonderful things in the world for women folk. It doesn't matter what kind of women's complaint they have, it's good for it." Tommie hails squawvine as an Indian Medicine, hence the name. Partridge Berry is well known for use before child birth to allow the delivery with more ease as well as for menstrual

cramps. *Prescription for Nutritional Healing* states that squawvine relieves pelvic congestion and soothes the central nervous system.

I have been searching the edge of the woods for boneset lively enough to harvest this time of year. I went to Ed & Ginger Kogelschatz farm in Shinbone Valley and found some cultivated plants in their garden that were pushing out some new green leaves and even looking as though they were trying to bloom again. I add the boneset leaves to a cold and flu tea blend that I make to ease and promote healing. Boneset got its name as a result of helping heal so many during the break bone fever flu epidemic, which is a fact I have read a few times since my friend Ginger informed me years ago. Ginger makes a wonderful extract of Boneset and Cayenne that works great when the flu sets in. Boneset has a reputation for being useful in boosting the immune system during colds and bronchitis as well as relieving flu like symptoms such as acting as a decongestant to the sinus and lungs and relieving aches and pains.

There are several other native herbs I am putting back for the winter. I've been harvesting Queen Anne's Lace leaves and flowers to add to my weight loss herbal tea blend. The Queen is also known to help as a diuretic. Peterson's Field Guide Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants says that the roots of Queen Anne's Lace are bactericidal, able to help prevent and eliminate worms and stones from the urinary tract while the seeds are known to act as birth control by preventing implantation of a fertilized egg. I have not yet tried or harvested the roots or seeds. Dane Lovechio, Jimmy & Lee Worthey spent hours harvesting, splitting & drying poke root for my all purpose salve. I've got passion flower vine ready for a relaxing herbal tea blend while I have crossvine for an energy tea. Rabbit Tobacco & Mountain Mint I put back in case of sinus troubles. If the sinus trouble is due to allergies, I believe it is essential to use some Nettles to help build your immune system against the allergies.

My excitement for the plants blooms more every moment that I am in the woods and fields harvesting. My faith in the plants and our own ability to create health grows as my relationship with the plants grows. It is always wise to consult a health care provider before using botanicals, especially if you are taking prescription medication. If you have any questions regarding the plants and trees, or would like to order any herbal blends you may contact me at (256) 634-3333 LCMoon03@aol.com www.MountainLifeMarket.com

To The Wild Ducks

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Ere swooping down gracefully, landing to make.
I enjoy watching you so lovely together,
Alas, you are prophets of wintry weather.
You may linger and rest here only a night--
I wish I might go with you in southward flight.
You are wiser than I, can't you share with me
The wonderful places and treasures you see.
To be able to fly from Spring to Spring,
I consider a most marvelous thing.
God protect you in your flight,
You add to the world's beauty and delight!

—Edna M. Brown

Beautiful Goldenrod

Beautiful Goldenrod,
You were sent from God,
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The

Church News

By Evelyn Graves



Sunday morning services at **Winston Memorial Presbyterian Church** are held at 9AM each Sunday, except no services on 5th Sunday. Rev. Jerry Davis and Rev. L.A. Smith are alternate speakers for these services.

The **Valley Head Baptist Church** invites you to attend Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM; Sunday Evening Worship at 6PM; Midweek Service (Wednesday) at 6PM; Brotherhood breakfast and devotional at 8:30AM the first Sunday of each month; Women on Mission meet at 2PM the second Tuesday of each month at different homes. Everyone is welcome to come.

The **Valley Head Methodist Church** Sunday Worship is at 10 AM. Pastor is Wayne Nesbitt. Everyone is welcome to attend the services.

Wildwood Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mentone Chapter, is currently holding services in the Woodmen of the World Hall in Valley Head. All are invited to attend! Sabbath School and Song Service: 9:30-10:45AM. Worship Service 11:00-12:15. Pastor - Wilbur Atwood; lay Pastors - James Hartley and Ryan Bunnel.

The **Harmony Grove Baptist Church** invites everyone to come and worship with them. God's Country Church is located on Co. Rd 239 (Hawkins Road). Sunday School is at 9:45AM; Morning Worship is at 11AM; Evening Worship is at 6PM; Wednesday Night Prayer service is at 6PM.

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church on N. Gault Avenue in Fort Payne holds mass services at 10:30AM each Sunday; and Communion services at 5PM on Tuesdays.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 1519 Smith Gap Road (County Road 85), Fort Payne. Regular worship services are at 10AM and Sunday School at 9AM. Steve Schrader, pastor - 845-4314. All are welcome.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church, on Highway 11 north of Fort Payne, welcomes everyone at Sunday School at 10AM, Worship Service at 11AM, Wednesday night youth meeting with snacks, lessons, and activities at 6PM, and Wednesday night prayer meeting at 6:30 PM.

Anyone interested in observing the **Sabbath and Holy Days**, call 845-2246 for time and location.

Presbyterian Church worship service at Cloudland begins at 10AM (EST), and the Menlo service begins at 11:15AM (EST).

Menlo Church of Christ invites you to attend the 10- and 11AM services and evening services are at 7 and 9PM. Visitors are always welcome.

Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Cloudland, GA, welcomes everyone to come and take part in our church services. Sunday School at 10AM; Worship Service at 11AM. Sunday evening at 6PM, and Wednesday evening at 7PM.

Lighthouse Fellowship, Cloudland. Turn at the produce stand, pass the tennis court, and go to the stop sign. Go right two blocks. A church alive is worth the drive. Sunday School 10AM; Worship - 11AM, Alabama time. Everyone is welcome. Phone: 706-862-2607.

DeSoto Church of Christ invites you to attend Sunday Bible Study at 10AM, Worship at 11AM. Wednesday Bible study at 6PM. 256-634-4147.

The **Mentone Revival Center** and Pastor Leroy Nichols and wife, Nell, invite everyone to join in worship on Sunday at 10AM worship and 11AM worship and Sunday night at 6PM. Everyone is welcome.

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Mentone Community Church Sunday School 10AM; Sunday Worship 10:45AM; Sunday evening service 6:30PM. Wednesday evening service 6:30PM with Bible study and Teen class. Nursery provided for all services. Pastor Rick Haworth welcomes all.

The **Mentone Church of God of Prophecy** Sunday School is at 10AM, with Worship at 11AM. Evening Services begin at 6PM. Rev. Charles Flannigan invites everyone to attend regular services.

Mentone Church of God invites you to attend their church. Sunday School - 10AM; Morning Worship - 11AM. Sunday evening - 6PM; Wednesday evening - 6:30PM. Pastor Brian Hancock welcomes all.

St. Joseph's on-the-Mountain Episcopal Church A place of prayer, thanksgiving, and celebration. Come by any time to pray and give thanks. Open 24 hours every day. Sunday service is at 10:30AM.

The **Mentone United Methodist Church** services are at 11AM each Sunday. Sunday School is at 10AM. Pastor Les Brown welcomes everyone. The Ethel Brown Unit of UMW meets on the 1st Wednesday at 11AM in the fellowship hall and the Mountain Laurel Unit of UMW meets on the 3rd Monday at 12:30PM, subject to change due to scheduling.

Moon Lake Baptist Church welcomes you. The Sunday schedule is: Bible study 9:45AM; Morning Worship - 11AM; Children's Choir Practice - 4:30PM; Youth Choir, Disciple-ship Training & YGAs - 5PM; Evening Worship - 5PM; Adult Choir Practice - 7PM; Wednesday: Team Kids, Youth & Adult Bible Study - 6:30PM. Young Women's Prayer & Share Group meets each Wednesday evening at 5:30PM.

Cove Road Baptist Church invites all children of the surrounding area to attend children's church. Parents are also invited for SS and church. SS at 9AM; Worship at 10AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 5PM. All times CST.

Lea's Chapel Baptist Church welcomes you to worship with us. 10AM Sunday Bible Study, 11AM Morning Worship, 6PM Evening Worship, Wednesday 6-8PM Awana (ages 4 to 18); 6:30PM Praise and Prayer Time. Located at 4212 County Road 751. 635-1001.

The **Fort Payne Christian Center** and Pastor Ken & Elaine Holleman invite everyone to join in Worship on Sunday at 10AM. Wednesday Evening at 6:00 PM. God Bless you.



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Mentone Church of God Hallelujah Night, October 30, 2004; 6:00 PM until? 25¢ and \$1.00 games, cake walk; chili and hotdog supper. "A Walk Without Jesus" trail walk after dark. Come join the fun! No costumes, Please! Call 634-4418 for more information.

Turkey & Ham Shoot

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Saturday, October 9th
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God's Minute

By Ruby Brock

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear; but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isa. 59:1-2

There is nothing wrong with the Lord's hand or ear, but it seems to me that some people are not willing to give up sin. They have been given a choice,—if they will repent, God will forgive and save. That was why Jesus came to the world—to save sinners. Will you give him your heart?

God Bless you!

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Where: Mentone Community Church
Family Life Center

When: Thursday, November 25, 2004

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. If you are a single person or a family with no where to go for Thanksgiving, come and enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner with us! We will be providing transportation for anyone needing a ride. Please call Rachel Lee @ 634-4073 or Ilene Green @ 634-4770 for more information or to arrange transportation.

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Mentone Health Fair

Wednesday, November 3, 2004

12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(following the Senior Lunch)

At the James Berry Scout Facility
(behind the Little River Hardware)

Flu Shots (\$10 or free with Medicare card)

Cholesterol Screening
Blood Pressure Screening
Blood Sugar Screening
and other services



Spaghetti Supper

Thursday, October 7

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Mentone Community House

Benefiting Moon Lake School

Prepared by the parents of the Kindergarten Class.

Please join us.



Senior Lunches

Every Wednesday 11:30 am

September 29 – November 17

Mentone Community House

Come enjoy
some good food and fellowship!

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